

INPUT FOR THE OHV GRANT PROPOSAL FOR SIERRA COUNTY, CA

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During my training with the Sierra County Search and Rescue Team I quickly saw how an OHV can help to search a much larger area, more thoroughly. Sierra County is very large-much of the land area where people require help is not well traveled by larger 4WDs.

I was recently involved in a hike/mine exploration adventure when my hiking partner slipped off the trail and fell against a Cholla cactus. My Search and Rescue training paid off. I had a first aid kit and I was able to remove all the thorns and clean his leg without hesitation. After a half-mile hike from the Big Eye Mine in Arizona we were able to be carried 15 miles back to the parking area by an OHV. The OHV helped minimize the injured person's pain on the way back to civilization.

I believe our Search and Rescue Team can greatly benefit by having an OHV available for these emergencies that happen often in back country situations.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: Photo of accident victim's leg

